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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant respectfully requests that the supplemental amendment submitted on May 28, 2003 be entered. The supplemental amendment of May 28, 2003 amended claim 3 and canceled claim 11 based upon the personal interview of May 6, 2003. The amendment of May 28, 2003 also added new claims 17-26,

In response to the new Office action dated June 5, 2003, claims 15 and 16 have been amended.

Claims 3, 5-8, 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsuzaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,986,367) in view of Odagiri et al. (U.S. Patent No.5,801,466). For the following reasons, the examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

None of the references disclose or suggest "a cover having an electromagnetically shielding property and a top and sides covering the rotary member, wherein the top has a flat surface" as recited in claim 3. In Tsuzaki, the frame 6 is cylindrically-shaped with a weight 9 attached to a rotating shaft 8 extending from the frame 6 (col. 3, lines 7-11; figs. 3 and 4). Therefore, the Tsuzaki frame does not disclose or suggest a cover with a top and sides covering the rotary member, wherein the top has a flat surface. In Odagiri, the vibrator has a cylindrically-shaped frame with two counterweights attached to a rotating shaft 33 extending from the frame (col. 3, lines 53-61; fig. 5). Therefore Odagiri, does not disclose or suggest a cover with a top

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and sides covering the rotary member, wherein the top has a flat surface. Thus, even if combined, the references do not disclose or suggest all the elements of the claimed invention.

Claims 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,341,057) in view of Odagiri et al. Claim 15 has been amended. For the following reasons, the examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

None of the references disclose or suggest "a board on which the vibration motor base is mounted" as recited in claim 15. The Office action acknowledges that Yamaguchi does not disclose a board on which the vibration motor is mounted (Office action 06/05/2003, page 5). In Odagiri, the cylindrically-shaped frame of the vibrator is attached to a vibrator holder 2 (col. 4, lines 48-54; fig 5). Therefore, Odagiri does not disclose or suggest a board on which the vibration motor base is mounted. Thus, even if combined, the references do not disclose or suggest all the elements of the claimed invention.

Claims 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsuzaki et al. in view of Odagiri et al and in further in view of Ward (U.S. Patent No. 5,986,367). Claim 16 has been amended. For the following reasons, the examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

None of the references disclose or suggest "a board on which the vibration motor base is mounted" as recited in claim 16. In Tsuzaki, the cylindrically-shape frame of the motor is attached to a motor securing member 10 (col. 4, lines 14-35). Therefore, Tsuzaki does not disclose or suggest a board on which the vibration motor base is mounted. In Odagiri, the cylindrically-shaped frame of the vibrator is attached to a vibrator holder 2 (col. 4, lines 48-54; fig 5). Therefore, Odagiri does not disclose or suggest a board on which the vibration motor base

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is mounted. Ward only discloses a mounting apparatus 10 that encloses a cellular telephone (fig.

1). Thus, even if combined, the references do not disclose or suggest all the elements of the claimed invention.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 32184US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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